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1. The new Federation Constitutional proposals which were published on 24 December (Washington comment: see SO 2154) have produced disappointment and disapproval. The document restores the Sultans to pre-war status and ignores the political interests of the non-Malay population.
2. The entire Malayan Union press with the exception of the pro-United Malays' National Organization paper, MAJLIS, condemns the agreement as a return to the status quo of 1941. The Chinese press calls the agreement a betrayal of non-Malay communities.
3. So far there is no reaction from various community leaders except individual condemnation. The next meeting of the Council of Joint Action is scheduled for Penang in two weeks and will indicate the line of action to be taken. If CJA succeeds in rousing the non-Malay population, communal unrest may result within the next three months.

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